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- ☐ within three months of the application filing date;
- ☒ more than three months from the application filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

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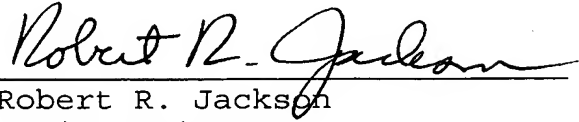
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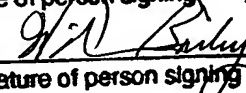
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U.S. Patent Documents

Shiber	5,041,082	(08/20/91)
Popov et al.	5,702,412	(12/30/97)

These documents are listed on the accompanying Form
PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and copies are enclosed
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The documents listed in this Statement were cited by
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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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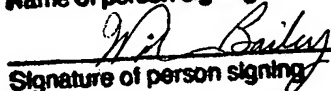
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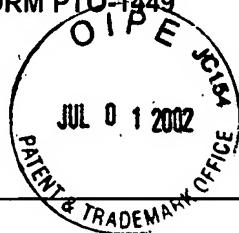
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